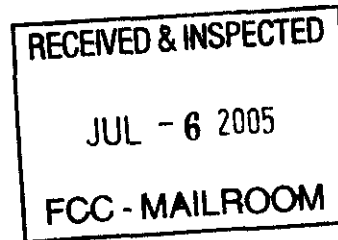


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That's \$20 for my two lines and \$132 annually. Retired I will find that hard to fit into my budget.

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Sincerely,

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Willitt S. Pierce

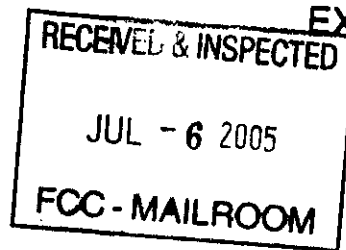
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DEAR FCC CHAIRMAN KEVIN MARTIN,


PLEASE REJECT THE PROPOSAL BY THE 'INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION FORUM," A COALITION OF SBC AND OTHER BIG PHONE COMPANIES THAT WANT TO RAISE THE FEDERAL ACCESS CHARGE ON MY BILL TO \$10 A MONTH. THIS PROPOSAL EVENTUALLY WOULD RAISE MY PHONE BILL BY \$66 BEFORE I EVEN MAKE A CALL.

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PLEASE TAKE A STRONG STAND TODAY TO PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM THIS UNWARRANTED RATE HIKE.

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Dear Mr. Martin,

A phone company front group called the "Intercarrier Compensation Forum" is currently lobbying for an increase to \$10 per month for the Federal Access Charge part of my phone bill. This extra charge will eventually cost me an additional \$66 per year, even if I don't make a single additional phone call. This is a bogus charge which results in no additional service for consumers and is pure profit to the phone companies that are involved. I strongly urge you to join the Illinois Citizens Utility Board and a variety of other consumer advocate groups in protecting consumers from this unwarranted rate hike.

Additionally, I request that the FCC require utility companies to furnish billing formats to their customers that are honest and can be understood by the average consumer. My current phone bill includes such items as "Federal Access Charge," "Federal Universal Service Fee," "End User Common Line Charge," and "State Infrastructure Maintenance Fee." These charges and fees account for about 50% of my phone bill each month. Even though I have two Master's degrees including an MBA, these terms are incomprehensible to me. I called SBC customer service for an explanation and received virtually no help. I doubt seriously that the SBC employees to whom I talked had any better understanding of the terms than I. Once they had read off the prompts on their computer screens, they were unable to expound further in a meaningful way.

In fact, it appears that these terms are purposely vague and misleading (to me, they sound like types of state and federal fees/taxes) because many of them are simply disguised phone company revenue and should be reported as such.

The bottom line is that more and more utility companies are basically monopolies that are spending large sums of money to influence government officials into allowing them to charge increasingly absorbent fees instead of investing money in research and innovation that would result in better, more useful products and services.

Since the FCC has decided to allow mergers that result in monopolies, it is incumbent upon the FCC to regulate these monopolies. Monopolies have little incentive to be creative, innovative, or to invest in research. Instead, they increase prices and use the additional revenues to consolidate and insulate their monopolistic powers. Since these utilities are not subject to the pressures of a free market, the FCC must require them to act in a manner that is consistent with the public interest instead of their own.

Sincerely,

Tilden Sprague

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